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WANTS MORE WATER.

New York is studying how to increase its stock of drinking water which becomes inadequate almost as rapidly as the system which provides it is extended. The latest plan under consideration is the stupendous task of tapping Lake Erie, three hundred miles away, and bringing water down to Manhattan in a pipe or conduit capable of providing a billion gallons of water every twenty-four hours. The cost is estimated at one hundred and fifty million dollars, and New York thinks it possible some of the cities on the way may be willing to share the expense in this gigantic undertaking by being allowed the privilege of tapping the pipe for their own purposes.

AUTOMOBILES IN NORWAY.

Our people will be interested in learning how the reckless auto-driver fares in Norway. In the first place it is necessary to get a permit from the government to bring a motor car into the country. Then, before the motorist can pass through each district, he must obtain a written permit from the mayor and council of that district, and guarantee to make good any damages to roads, or other accidents caused by run-aways at the sight of the motor car. But that is not all. In the more northerly districts it is compulsory for an automobilist to advertise in the newspapers for one week in advance, at what hour he intends to pass along any thoroughfare in the district—and the motorist is only allowed a margin of two hours to do so, or else he will have to wait and advertise all over again.

WORKING OVER TIME.

A great many people dissipate more energy between the time when they leave their work at night and when they return to it in the morning than they expend all day in their vocations, though they would be shocked and offended if anyone were to tell them so. They think that physical dissipation is the only method of energy-sapping. But men and women of exemplary moral habits dissipate their vitality in a hundred ways. They indulge in wrong thinking; they worry; they fret; they fear this, that, and the other imaginary thing; and they carry their business home with them, and work so hard mental after business hours as during them.

A professor has discovered that the moon came out of the Pacific ocean. This gives the United States and Japan the first claim to the moon, when the time to annex it arrives.

The life insurance investigation in New York is proving one thing at least, and that is that life insurance is the best thing that ever happened—for the officers of the companies!

In active service in the United States navy there are 1577 commissioned and 469 warrant officers, and a force of 28,644 enlisted men. The marine corps has 222 officers and 6821 men.

Cleveland is to have a public institution at which people may be treated for the liquor habit. The present administration must have cause to believe that it has forever lost the saloon vote.

The private contractors are still of the opinion that the Panama canal should be dug by private contract, while the Pacific railroad owners can not see any use in digging the isthmus ditch at all.

There is much stress laid on the value of friends. Well, when you study over your experience, you may discover that in prosperity man has no use for friends; and in adversity they may have no use for him.

The Switzerland government has resolved to convert the whole of the railroads in the country to electric traction and tenders for carrying out the enterprise are to be invited from the most prominent electrical engineering firms.

A Chicago physician claims to have discovered a medicine which will cure deficiency in spelling. If he can get it patented, he has a better thing than Rockefeller's oil trust. There is only about one person in ten who is not afflicted.

A Texas girl advertised for a husband and got him. The total expense for advertising, wedding outfit, etc., were \$11. Within a year he died, leaving her an insurance policy for \$10,000. And yet some people say it does not pay to advertise.

In 1900 of the 21,538,024 persons in the United States between the ages of 5 and 18, 15,341,220, or 71 per cent were in the public schools. In 1902 the school population (between the ages of 5 and 18) were 22,216,683, and the enrollment 15,925,887.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Kelley, of the Kelley Logging company was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday, looking up matters in relation to the new shingle plant at Warrenton.

Miss F. S. H. Baldwin, of the Foard & Stokes company staff, has returned from a week's outing at Portland and the fair.

A. L. Steele and Mrs. Steele left last evening for Portland to attend the fair for a week.

H. E. Cherry is ill with typhoid fever at a Portland hospital, but his condition at last reports was very favorable.

Mrs. Matt. Nyland will entertain the Ladies' Aid society of the First Lutheran church Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 27. Members and friends are invited. A picture will be taken of the society for the souvenir album to be published in connection with the 25th anniversary.

SPECTACULAR SHOW

Scheduled for Portland Day at Lewis and Clark Fair Saturday, Sept. 30.

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FESTIVITIES PENDING.

Concomley Tribe, Order of Red Men, of this city, held a spirited meeting at their hall last night and among other business disposed of was the appointment of two special committees charged with the following duties: First, to provide for the Red Men's annual ball on Thanksgiving eve; and second, to make all arrangements for the Tribe's usual Christmas exercises. Both events will be well taken care of, beyond all doubt.

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